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Bureau of Land Management
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Categorical Exclusion Documentation
Bicycles Sales and Service Special Recreation Permit
DOI-BLM-ID-C010-2016-0001-CX

1. Description of the Proposed Action

The BLM would issue a special recreation permit, with the attached stipulations, for a fat bike event in the Wallace L. Forest Conservation Area within Blue Creek Bay. Bicycles Sales and Service have applied for a Special Recreation Permit to hold a fat bike event in the Blue Creek Bay area if there is adequate snow levels. The applicant would like the event to occur between December and January. The event would mostly happen on existing trails, a small beginner loop would be marked by the landing trailhead as an over-the-snow loop and one connection from the blue trail to the orange trail. The existing trails being used would be prepped by having people walk the trail prior in snowshoes. The permit will be issued for a one year term, renewable upon written request annually from the permittee and by following successful compliance by the permittee with BLM stipulations.

Location of Proposed Action: Kootenai County, ID (Blue Creek Bay)
Boise Meridian, Idaho T. 50 N., R. 3 W

2. Land Use Plan Conformance

In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), this proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with the Coeur d'Alene Resource Management Plan (RMP), approved June 2007. It is consistent with the following decisions from the RMP:

Objective RC-1.2 – Manage the Coeur d'Alene Lake SRMA for land- and water-based leisure activities for outdoor sport, relaxation, social group or family affiliation, and personal enrichment or learning through environmental study within accessible natural forested lakeshore settings.

Action RC-1.2.4 – Additional special uses will be authorized when there is a demonstrated public need or benefit and the uses are consistent and compatible with the area's management objective and managed condition.

Action RC-1.2.5 – Continue to authorize by special recreation permit, existing commercial recreation uses of developed recreation sites by:

- Having vendors provide delivery of rental water craft to boat launching sites.
- Having youth summer camps provide overnight canoeing/sailing/boating adventures to Mica Bay and Windy Bay Boater Parks.

- Additionally including any new permits on a case-by-case basis.

3. Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under NEPA in accordance with **516 DM 11.9.H.(1)**: Issuance of Special Recreation Permits for day use or overnight use up to 14 consecutive nights; that impacts no more than 3 staging area acres; and/or for recreational travel along roads, trails, or in areas authorized in a land use plan. This CX cannot be used for commercial boating permits along Wild and Scenic Rivers. This CX cannot be used for the establishment or issuance of Special Recreation Permits for "Special Area" management (43 CFR 2932.5).

Application of this categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix C, exist.

I considered:

- 1) The event will take place on existing trails and will only allow over-the-snow travel when the ground conditions permit.
- 2) Stipulations attached to the permit will further eliminate potential for significant impacts to natural and cultural resources.

4. Signature

Authorizing Official:


Kurt Pavlat
Field Manager

4 Dec 2015
Date

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Mitch Owens, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Coeur d'Alene Field Office, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID, 83815, 208-769-5015

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Stipulations for the Bicycles Sales and Service Special Recreation Permit
- 2) Copy of Operating Plan for Bicycles Sales and Service Special Recreation Permit

Extraordinary Circumstances Review
Bicycles Sales and Service SRP
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The BLM has reviewed the proposed action to determine if any of the following extraordinary circumstances apply, as listed in the Departmental NEPA regulations (43 CFR 46.215).

| Extraordinary Circumstances | Applies |
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| <p>2.1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety. <i>Comments/Explanation:</i> The project is designed to minimize impacts to public health and safety by requiring EMTs on site as well as adequate staff/volunteers for aid stations with communication throughout the course.</p> | No |
| <p>2.2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); floodplains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas. <i>Comments/Explanation:</i> No historic properties would be affected since the trails will avoid known historic resources. There are no park or refuge lands, scenic rivers, national natural landmarks, prime farmlands, or national monuments in the affected area. No wetlands would be deteriorated nor floodplain use impacted. The area aquifer would not be affected. This permit would not be valid within Wilderness or Wilderness Study Areas and therefore would not be affected.</p> | No |
| <p>2.3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources. <i>Comments/Explanation:</i> The proposal would only have negligible impacts on any resources; no conflicts between alternative resource uses are anticipated. Similar projects implemented in the past have not resulted in resource conflicts or controversial impacts.</p> | No |
| <p>2.4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. <i>Comments/Explanation:</i> The environmental impacts would be negligible. No unique unknown environmental risks are anticipated. The impacts are predictable based on previous similar projects.</p> | No |
| <p>2.5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. <i>Comments/Explanation:</i></p> | No |

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| The proposal is not controversial or precedent setting. No future actions which might result in significant impacts to the environment are known at this time. | |
| <p>2.6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.</p> <p><i>Comments/Explanation:</i> The impacts from the proposal are expected to be negligible and would not contribute to potentially cumulative significant impacts now or in the reasonably foreseeable future.</p> | No |
| <p>2.7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the Bureau or office.</p> <p><i>Comments/Explanation:</i> Issuing this permit does not create any new surface disturbing activities or introduce activities that would adversely impact known National Register eligible sites or places.</p> | No |
| <p>2.8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.</p> <p><i>Comments/Explanation:</i> None of these species or their habitat occurs in the project area; or if present, they would not be affected by the proposal. Any required consultation, conformance, or concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been received.</p> | No |
| <p>2.9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.</p> <p><i>Comments/Explanation:</i> The proposal would be in conformance with all known environmental laws or requirements. This includes the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, county ordinances, and state statutes.</p> | No |
| <p>2.10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898).</p> <p><i>Comments/Explanation:</i> This project would not have an adverse effect on low income or minority populations.</p> | No |

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| <p>2.11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007).</p> <p><i>Comments/Explanation:</i> The proposal would not have an adverse effect on any known sites or limit access to Indian sacred sites on Federal lands.</p> | No |
| <p>2.12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and EO 13112).</p> <p><i>Comments/Explanation:</i> The proposal is not expected to cause these species to spread into the affected area. Appropriate stipulations are included in the authorization.</p> | No |